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# Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

April 29. , 1886.

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Very Respectfully

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Superintendent

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